CVC warns of dump site surveys

By Oksana Buhel

The Credit Valley Coalition met Thursday evening at Huttonville Public School to update residents on its latest relations with Interim Waste Authority (IWA).

IWA, which was commissioned by the provincial government, is responsible for selecting dump sites in Durham, York and Peel regions. Halton has been excluded from the search because of a promise made by former minister of the environment, Ruth Greer, that the existing dump (in Milton) will be temporarily sufficient.

Halton Hills, however, is not protected, Pooke maintains. Three of the proposed dump sites lie on the border of the town, and their impact zones will extend into it.

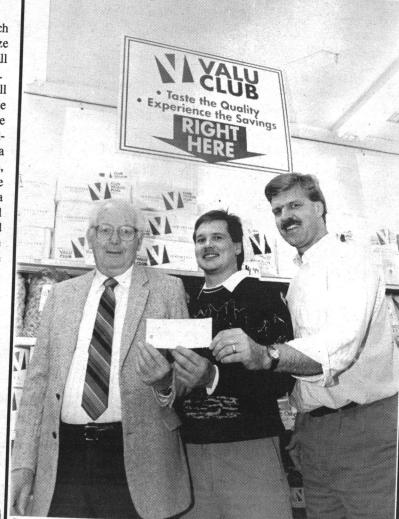
Site B-21-c is located south of Hwy. 7, east of Mississauga Rd. Sites B-15-b and B-22-d both lie between Mayfield Rd., Winston Churchill Blvd. and the CN tracks. The former of the two lies immediately north of the latter.

Diana Pooke, executive member of the coalition, explained why these locations were not suitable. Their proximity to the Credit River makes the locations hazardous, she said. The last two sites lie over an aquifer, and the underlying rocks are shale, limestone and gravel, all of which are permeable.

Pooke remarked that one reason why CVC is updating concerned residents is that the IWA is beginning to survey people about the dump locations. "The questionnaires, however, are worded in such a way that people may not realize they are contributing to the downfall of their community," she explained.

She advises the public not to fill out the questionnaires. "Of course we wish to cooperate," she explained, "but we will not be railroaded." For those people who feel a need to fill out the questionnaires, Pooke suggests they look at the questionnaire beforehand, ask for a copy (so that other residents will know what to expect), and demand that their concerns be recorded. She adds that not all questions need be answered, and that if a person is suspicious for any reason, they can call a coalition member.

CVC is also participating in a rally at Queen's Park tomorrow at noon. Members of the public are welcome to attend the event, which is timed to coincide with Earth Day. A bus will be leaving from the Apple Factory on Mississauga Rd. and Hwy. 7. Anyone interested can call Cliff Laidlaw at 846-3715. "It will be very much of an environmental affair," Pooke promises.



Georgetown IGA store manager Patrick Bagin (middle) presented a cheque for \$700 Monday to Grant Greenway (left) treasurer and Geoff Moon, Public Relations Chairman of the Georgetown and District Branch of the Canadian Red Cross. The store matched donations from customers from a coffee fund located at the front part of the store.

Organ donor presentation
The Mutual Group, together with Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital, will be holding a special presentation at the Halton Hills Civic Centre tomorrow (Thursday) at 11 a.m.

The aim of the presentation is to make people aware of the new organ donation program which both groups are organizing. The presentation coincides with organ donor week. Mayor Russ Miller, various hospital executive members, and Mutual Group executive members will be among the speakers at the event.

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6-10 years, and that both the aforementioned streets fell into the 1-5 year category. Treasurer Ray King explained that the reason the streets were dropped from the forecast was simply that "we don't have the money right now."

Land value decreases

A report presented by Stephen Thomson, administrative assistant, regarding the Lyncean subdivision agreement, stated the cash-in-lieu of parkland fee has decreased from \$91,500 to \$40,500. This fee is paid if developers choose to use the allotted 5% of subdivision land saved for parks, for other purposes. Thompson explained that the reason the parkland fee decreased was because the land had depreciated from 1990, when the first appraisal was made.

Councilor Rutherford was concerned that this practice of changing terms of agreement would set a precedent. Town administrator Dan Costea assured Rutherford the agreement was verbal, therefore not legally binding. He added that even if land appreciates in value, the same practice is used.

Councilor Robson asked how many appraisals were taken, and was informed only one. Costea mentioned this was the town's practice, instead of getting the average of several appraisals, because of the cost involved. "Well, this appraisal has cost us \$40,000," Robson stated. "I think that's significant."

The report was referred back to the administration department for another appraisal.

Parent's night tomorrow

beginning at 6:30 p.m. in our cafetorium is our spring Parents' Night. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers and to discuss any concerns as we approach the final half the semester two.

I would like to thank members of the community who have purchased our travel vouchers over the past two years. Now that they have all been sold, the name of our lucky winner of \$100 has been drawn. Congratulations to Mrs. Beth Murray of Georgetown.

The University of Waterloo Math Contest results are now in. Thirteen students finished in the top 25% in Canada. Our grade 9 team placed 3rd in Halton with Alfred Tsang receiving the school medal and Greg Taylor received the medal for grade 11.

This is volunteer week in our school system. I would like to thank the many members of our community who work with our

Tomorrow night, (Thursday) Principal's Corner

teams, our clubs and our cooperative education program at Georgetown District High School. The extent of community support this school receives is unprecedented in my experience and provides G.D.H.S. with a very special quality.

Good luck to our Tech students who are entered in the Halton Skills Olympics competition. This year's competition will take place at G.D.H.S.. this coming Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

A special welcome to our 16 French Exchange students who will be arriving from St. Julien on Thursday. They will be staying with host families in Georgetown for the next two weeks.

Thank you for supporting our Music Students' car wash on the weekends at the school. The money raised is helping to pay for their trip to Edmonton in May.